

**KNIFING A SHEEP.**

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One Dexterous Thrust Through the  
Animal's Head by an Expert Work-  
man Ends Consciousness—How the  
Carcase is Skinned and Dressed.

The easiest way you could possibly think of is the way sheep are killed in the packing houses. Most persons mistakenly imagine that they are treated horribly and see in their minds a bloodthirsty man with shoulders like hams, standing over a poor, defenseless sheep with a bludgeon in his hands ready to send the creature straight to the promised land. But there is where the sentimentalist goes completely wrong, for if there is an animal that is treated right—in speaking of its death—it is the sheep. There is only one thing that doesn't look as though death was absolute pleasure for the sheep, and that is right at the very start of the killing operation.

The sheep are driven from the yards up a long chute, and when they enter the pathway a leader sheep puts himself at their head to take them up into the killing room. These sheep are trained and are nearly always black so that there will be no mistake made and the leader sheep killed.

This leader takes the animals up the chute to a pen that will hold about fifty sheep. Here a man catches them, two at a time, and shackles them by their hind legs. This is the operation referred to as the only one painful to the sheep.

The animal is then swung on to what is called the Ferris wheel. This wheel is constantly revolving, and as it reaches a certain spot the sheep are transferred to a track from which they hang head downward. At that point their suffering ceases, for the next workman is the man who kills them.

The killing process is one that is absolutely painless to the sheep. The workman is adept and never misses the mark at which he strikes. With a sharp knife in his hand, he moves down the row of hanging animals, and as he comes to each one he feels of the head just behind the ears and finds the point where the bones of the head leave an opening. In this the knife is thrust and goes through the head of the animal, completely severing on both sides a large artery. The sheep is killed instantly. Five hundred sheep can be handled every hour at this point. They are then "paled," an operation that consists of skinning the fore part of the head and the neck.

The next workman cuts through the hide on the breast and skins just one spot below the neck. The fore legs are then broken and cut off to be sent to the bone room.

The fact that there is a time for everything and one man to do just his part and no more is emphasized in the sheep room when one sees just one hind leg skinned by one man and the other skinned in an entirely different operation. The sheep is then put on what is called the endless chain. This chain consists of hooks at intervals and is constantly moving, making the rounds of the room in about twenty minutes. Along this chain are the workmen, and as the sheep is passed on to them by the chain they do their work and wait for the next carcass.

After the two hind legs have been skinned the back is partly skinned and the animal is passed on to the next man who is called a "pelter." He grasps the pelt just above the hind legs, and, with a few deft twists of it, it is pulled off and the sheep passed on to the next workman.

After being skinned the sheep are carefully washed and wiped, a new towel being used on every animal. An endless chain is in progress here also, for when a towel is used it is thrown into a vat of boiling water, washed and put into a drier to be used over and over again. After the animal has been washed the head is taken off and the neck washed in the same manner as the rest of the carcass. The government inspector then gets it, and it is subjected to a rigid examination, after which the stamp of approval of the United States is put on.

After the head is taken off it is sent to the floor below, where the tongue is taken out and the remainder of it sent to the bone room.

There are two ways of dressing the sheep. Some of the buyers insist on having the caul fat with the animal, while others do not care about it. If the fat is desired it is put on the hind part of the animal, covering about one-half of the body, and is then split, revealing the carcass shorn of the viscera.

The dressed animals are hung on overhead tracks and put on an elevator to be sent to the cooling room.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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**Milady's Mirror**

Pretty Hands and Arms.

An excellent way of improving the neck in order to make it white and smooth and ready for the winter dance dress is to dip a cloth in boiling water and apply it to the skin as hot as can be borne for about three minutes in order to open the pores. The process must be done at night.

Then take a little almond oil and rub it well in, with an upward movement to the throat, and afterward rinse it off with warm milk and water in which a pinch of boracic acid powder or carbonate of soda has been dissolved.

Another method very similar may be used for the arms and hands, and is a useful treatment just before going to a party. The arms and hands should first be rubbed with almond oil, then with a little carbonate of soda and afterward with warm water should follow, and when the hands and arms are dry rub them with a mixture of rosewater and almond oil, removing all traces of the grease. Dust them finally with a very pure powder.

Many girls may like to try this treatment for whitening the neck, shoulders and arms. Sponge them with tepid soft water, wipe them thoroughly dry with a warm, soft towel and then sponge them with a solution composed of equal parts of rosewater and glycerin.

While the skin is still damp a thick coating of powder should be applied with a puff and this should be left on until the last moment before dressing for an evening entertainment. Then the powder should be rubbed gently, but thoroughly—into the skin until it is white and the powder has disappeared.

Right Care of the Eyes.

"The care of the eyes will keep away wrinkles," says a well known oculist. Perhaps this declaration founded on facts of a long period of observation and practice will cause women who continually abuse their eyes to consider the effects.

Carelessness in the use of the eye causes wrinkles," he repeats, "just as surely and as quickly as squinting, and in getting rid of wrinkles everyone knows that prevention is better than a cure.

Arrangement of light is one of the most important factors in the care of the eyes. If it is so placed that the object is not easily seen the muscles of the face will be contorted in an effort to get the proper angle of vision, and the harm is done. Even more injurious is the habit of allowing light to directly strike the eye while the object studied is in shadow.

Reading on the train is a menace to a smooth skin under any circumstances. Not only are the facial muscles themselves drawn out of shape, but the sight itself is strained by efforts to follow the lines of the print and by shifting constantly with the motion of the train. For those who travel a great deal the habit of deep thought or study en route is the best one possible to form.

Kitchen Cosmetics.

Wiping the hands in starch instead of using a towel is another kitchen discovery, while oatmeal makes a very acceptable soap when the hands are not greatly soiled.

Some housewives make their own toilet soap, using a pure white soap as a foundation. It is melted in hot water and when boiling a pinch each of borax and sachet and enoughorris root to give a pleasant odor is added, then a handful of oatmeal is stirred in and the mixture turned out into small molds to harden.

A few drops of lemon juice added will aid to whiten the hands. When making the soap use a small quantity for a ball to remove stains too deep for the other cake. To a small amount of the melted soap stir in a teaspoonful of powdered pumice and let this harden before using.

Latest in Perfume.

The latest luxury for the woman who likes a faint suggestion of sweetness about all her belongings is the cake of perfume which may be tossed among lingerie or laces without the trouble of sewing sachet powder up in cotton batting and silk pads.

These cakes of perfume are put up attractively, and when the perfume falls, as all perfumes do when exposed to the air, the surface of the cake may be scratched and a new surface of sweetness exposed. The perfume is not by any means inexpensive, a small size costing almost a dollar, but the perfume is dainty and refined, and by scraping the surface occasionally the cake may be used some time.

A Beauty Tip.

A mole or a pimple may be concealed by a bit of court plaster skillfully applied. Flesh color is best, but even black will be taken simply as one of the beauty patches which women are again affecting. Another way to hide a mole is to cover it thickly with cold cream and then to sprinkle well with flesh colored powder until it is invisible.

Treatment for the Scalp.

For dandruff shampoo the hair with the following once every two weeks: Yolks of two eggs beaten in half a pint of lime water. Rinse well and dry with warm towels. Massage is also most beneficial.

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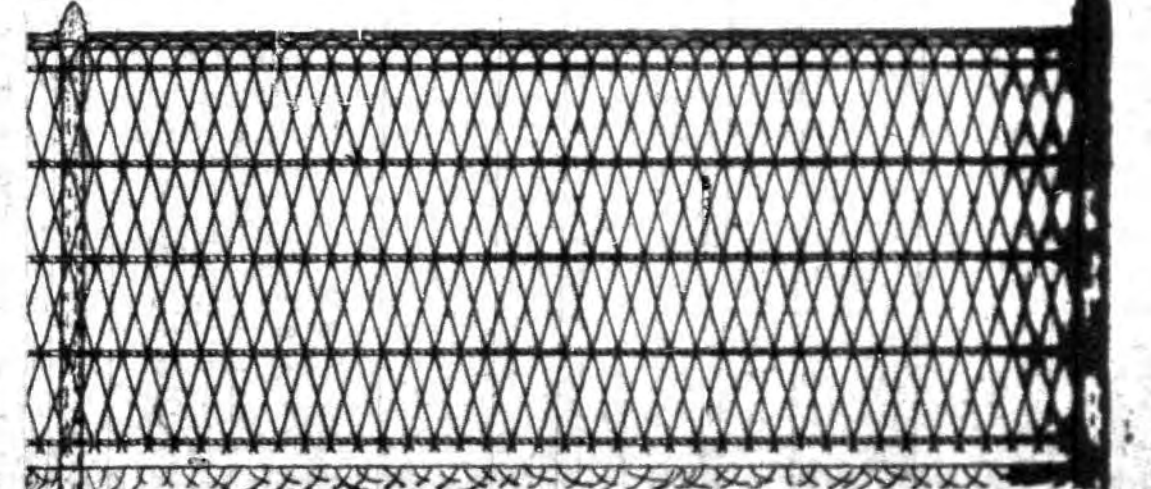
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